

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 31 public bills, H.R. 2112–2142; 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 183–184, and H. Res. 236–238 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 180, supporting the goals and ideals of “National Correctional Officers and Employees Week” and honoring the service of correctional officers and employees (H. Rept. 108–101);

H.R. 982, to clarify the tax treatment of bonds and other obligations issued by the Government of American Samoa (H. Rept. 108–102, Pt. 1);

H.R. 1437, to improve the United States Code (H. Rept. 108–103); and

H.R. 1416, to make technical corrections to the Homeland Security Act of 2002, amended (H. Rept. 108–104).

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Joseph A. Darby, Pastor, Morris Brown African Methodist Episcopal Church of Charleston, South Carolina.

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Reception in the House Chamber to Receive Former Members of Congress: The House recessed to receive the United States Association of Former Members of Congress in the House Chamber. Later, agreed to the Lincoln Diaz-Balart of Florida motion that the proceedings had during the recess be printed in the Record.

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:08 a.m. and reconvened at 11:07 a.m.

National Transportation Safety Board Reauthorization: The House passed H.R. 1527, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National Transportation Safety Board for fiscal years 2003 through 2006 by voice vote.

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Agreed To:

Green of Texas amendment that defines recommendations concerning 15 passenger van safety, railroad grade crossing safety, and medical certifications for a commercial driver’s license as “significant safety recommendations;”

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Point of order sustained against:

Cardin amendment that sought to include provisions to extend unemployment compensation in the bill (agreed to sustain the ruling of the chair by recorded vote of 225 ayes to 200 noes, Roll No. 191).

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Withdrawn:

Udall of Colorado amendment no. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of May 13 was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to establish a dynamic rollover testing program; prohibit the purchase of used 15 passenger vans that will be used as school buses unless the vehicle complies with the motor vehicle standards prescribed for schoolbuses; and

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Jackson-Lee of Texas amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that requires studies on the impact of age on the competence and qualifications of airline pilots and the impact of the use of rail systems in high population density cities, including any city population of more than 1 million persons.

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H. Res. 229, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote. Earlier agreed to order the previous question by yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 205 nays, Roll No. 190.

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Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of May 19.

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Meeting Hour Monday, May 19: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, May 19 for morning hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, May 21.

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Late Report—Committee on International Relations: The Committee on International Relations received permission to have until midnight on Friday, May 16 to file a report on H.R. 1950, Foreign Relations Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2004 and 2005.

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Canada—United States Interparliamentary Group: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following members of the House to the Canada—United States Interparliamentary Group, in addition to Representative Houghton, appointed Chairman on March 13, 2002: Representatives Oberstar, Dreier, Shaw, Slaughter, Stearns, Peterson of Minnesota, Manzullo, Smith of Michigan, English, and Souder.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H4172.

Referral: S. 195 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and S. 709 was referred to the Committee on Financial Services.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4156–57, and H4165–66. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Committee Meetings

RUNAWAY, HOMELESS AND MISSING CHILDREN PROTECTION ACT; CHILD MEDICATION SAFETY ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 1925, Runaway, Homeless and Missing Children Protection Act; and H.R. 1179, Child Medication Safety Act of 2003.

PROJECT BIOSHIELD ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported H.R. 2122, Project Bioshield Act of 2003.

RETIREMENT SECURITY

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “Retirement Security: What Seniors Need to Know about Protecting Their Futures.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVEREXPOSED: THE THREATS TO PRIVACY AND SECURITY ON FILE SHARING NETWORKS

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled “Overexposed: The Threats to Privacy and Security on File Sharing Networks” Testimony was heard from James E. Farnan, Deputy Assistant Director, Cyber Division, FBI, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY REAUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2086, Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 2003.

U.S. POLICY TOWARD IRAQ

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on U.S. Policy Toward Iraq. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Alan P. Larson, Under Secretary, Bureau of Economic, Business, and Agricultural Affairs; and Wendy J. Chamberlin, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia and the Near East, AID; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Doug-

las J. Feith, Under Secretary, Policy; and Lt. Gen. Norton A. Schwartz, USAF, Director, Operations, The Joint Chiefs of Staff.

CLASS ACTION FAIRNESS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Held a hearing on H.R. 1115, Class Action Fairness Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from Viet Dinh, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy, Department of Justice; Lawrence H. Mirel, Commissioner, Department of Insurance and Securities Regulation, District of Columbia; and public witnesses.

SPORTS AGENT RESPONSIBILITY AND TRUST ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 361, Sports Agent Responsibility and Trust Act.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on H.R. 361. Testimony was heard from Representatives Gordon and Osborne; and public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing on the “Reauthorization of the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division.” Testimony was heard from Ralph F. Boyd Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice.

OVERSIGHT—CALFED’S CROSS-CUT BUDGET

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee Water and Power held an oversight hearing on CALFED’s Cross-Cut Budget. Testimony was heard from Jason Peltier, Special Assistant, Assistant Secretary, Water and Sciences, Department of the Interior; and Patrick Wright, Director, California Bay-Delta Authority.

HEALTHY FORESTS RESTORATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Testimony was heard from Chairmen Goodlatte and Pombo; Representatives Walden of Oregon, Inslee, Udall of Colorado, George Miller of California and Matheson, but action was deferred on H.R. 1904, Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003.

SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITY—COST OF REGULATIONS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight held a hearing on Federal Agency Treatment of Small Business. Testimony